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Sent: 2/1/2011 12:46:19 PM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Sonja.Farak]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Thank you. It makes a lot of sense.

-----Original Message-----

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 7:39 AM
To: Velazquez, Eduardo (WES)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

I looked up the submission in question and it is white chunks in 1 plastic bag. I did not have another submission with [REDACTED] listed as the defendant, and none of the other submissions that Det. Burnham brought in the same day was listed as white chunks in 9 plastic bags (or 9 anythings). I know in the past that Det. Burnham has told us that he gets somewhat irritated with some of the cops since they will actually count the number of 'rocks' of suspected crack and list that instead of the number of plastic bags/plastic packets/etc. (it's not that the number of 'rocks' is wrong, but more the fact that if, for some reason, the evidence bag gets banged/ squished/pressed upon, the number of rocks can change as they break into 2 or more pieces). My guess is that this is what happened with submission, though I can not know for sure. Det. Burnham is pretty good with identifying what is being submitted, and in this case I can tell you that he did list it as white chunks in 1 plastic bag. As for the result I reported ("No Narcotic or illegal drugs"), that is accurate, though the chunks were positive for acetaminophen (Tylenol), and this is not the first time that I have analyzed submissions from Springfield that appear to be crack but end up containing acetaminophen instead. I hope this makes sense. If you have any other questions or if there is anything else that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to ask. Thanks.

-Sonja

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From: Velazquez, Eduardo (WES)
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 9:07 AM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: [REDACTED]

I recently received your certificate which describe the "white chunks" in "1 plastic bag" as "No Narcotic or illegal drugs.." These weighed a total of 2.51 grams. Was this all that was submitted to you by detective Burnham, or is there another certificate that I am missing. I say this because as I read the police report it describes "nine (9) individual, various sized pieces of suspected crack cocaine" were seized in this arrest. Please advise.